

ABSTRACT

A first embodiment of a ticket generating apparatus includes a computer coupled to a server through a network and a printer coupled to the computer. A purchaser initiates a ticket purchase transaction through the network by accessing a website stored on the server. After completing the ticket purchase transaction the purchaser's computer sends image data corresponding to the image of a person to the server. The server combines the image data with text and graphics data generated by the server to form ticket data. The ticket data is sent over the network to the computer. The computer sends the ticket data to the printer to form the ticket including an image of the person. In a second embodiment of the ticket generating apparatus, the printer is coupled to the network and receives the ticket data directly from the server to form the ticket including an image of the person. In a third embodiment of the ticket generating apparatus, the ticket generating apparatus includes a network enabled printer coupled to a network and a server coupled to the network. The text and graphics data and the image data are combined by the server to form the ticket data and sent to the printer for generating the ticket including an image of a person.